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1. Efforts to eliminate all personnel of the East German government who reside in the western sectors of Berlin are being intensified. In the fall of 1949 all German secretarial and service personnel of the Soviet Military Administration and of the Soviet armed forces living in West Berlin were given the alternative of dismissal or removal to East Berlin. This action was next copied by various offices of the East German government, although they made some exceptions for employees who could not find suitable quarters in East Berlin; indeed, for a while such persons were paid part of their salaries in west marks. This practice has now been discontinued.
2. The government of the DDR is now determined to discharge all its personnel living in West Berlin. The final date for this action is said to be 30 June 1950. The policy applies to all employees of DDR ministries, Radio Berlin, scientific research institutes, educational institutions, East Berlin newspapers, and Communist-front political and cultural organizations (except their West Berlin branches).
3. The same policy is to be applied to the satellite missions accredited to the DDR. In the case of the Polish Military Mission, the Polish Trade Mission, and the Polish Embassy, the dismissal was ordered for 15 June 1950, although salaries were paid for the entire month of June. Approximately 60% of the local employees of the Polish missions were affected, and in some sections the result was a temporary stoppage of work.

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